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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

BASIC PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COUNCIL

Draft proposals submitted by the President and members of the Bureau on the basis of informal consultations held pursuant to paragraph 2 (1) of Council resolution 1988/77

DRAFT DECISION I

High-level segment of the Economic and Social Council of 1993

The Economic and Social Council, recalling General Assembly resolution 47/92, decides:

(a) That the high-level segment of the Council of 1993 shall be devoted to the consideration of the following major theme:

(b) That, without prejudice to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 45/264, the high-level segment with ministerial participation for 1993 shall be held from 28 to 30 June.

DRAFT DECISION II

Coordination segment of the Economic and Social Council of 1993

The Economic and Social Council, reaffirming the provisions of section III, paragraphs (a) to (e), of its decision 1992/217, decides that the coordination segment shall be devoted to consideration of the following themes:

DRAFT DECISION III

Proposed provisional agenda for the substantive session of 1993 (28 June-30 July 1993)

The Economic and Social Council, having considered the proposed programme of work for 1993 and 1994, 1/ approves the following provisional agenda for its high-level segment of 1993:

1. Adoption of the agenda.

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3. Conclusion of the high-level segment.

The Council also approves the following provisional agenda with regard to its other segments:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

2. Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes:

3. Operational activities for development.

4. Coordination questions:

   (a) Reports of the coordination bodies;

   (b) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations;

   (c) International cooperation in the field of informatics;

   (d) Question of a United Nations year for tolerance.

1/ E/1993/1 and Add.1.

5. Programme and related questions:

   (a) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995;

   (b) Calendar of conferences.

6. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance:

   (a) Special programmes of economic assistance;

   (b) Humanitarian assistance.

7. International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.

8. Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster.

9. Sustainable development.

10. Non-governmental organizations.

11. United Nations University.

12. Statistical and cartographic questions:

   (a) Statistics;

   (b) Cartography.

13. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

14. Regional cooperation.

15. Development and international economic cooperation:

   (a) Trade and development;

   (b) Food and agricultural development;

   (c) Science and technology for development;

   (d) Transnational corporations;

   (e) Natural resources;

   (f) Population questions;

   (g) Human settlements;

   (h) Environment;

(i) Desertification and drought;

(j) Transport of dangerous goods;

(k) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development;

(l) World Decade for Cultural Development;

(m) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries;

(n) Prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

16. Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories.

17. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

18. Human rights questions.

19. Advancement of women.

20. Social development.

21. Narcotic drugs.

Reports brought to the attention of the Council

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

The Council approves the following allocation of items:

Items for consideration in plenary meetings

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

Coordination segment

2. Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes:

Operational activities segment

3. Operational activities for development.

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4. Coordination questions.

5. Programme and related questions.

6. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance.

7. International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.

8. Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster.

9. Sustainable development.

10. Non-governmental organizations.

11. United Nations University.

12. Statistical and cartographic questions.

13. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Items for consideration by the Economic Committee

14. Regional cooperation.

15. Development and international economic cooperation.

16. Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories.

Items for consideration by the Social Committee

17. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

18. Human rights questions.

19. Advancement of women.

20. Social development.

21. Narcotic drugs.

DRAFT DECISION IV

Establishment of the Commission on Sustainable Development

The Economic and Social Council, having considered the report of the Secretary-General 2/ and in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/191:

2/ E/1993/14.

(a) Decides to establish the Commission on Sustainable Development as a functional commission of the Council with the functions as enumerated in paragraphs 3 to 5 of Assembly resolution 47/191;

(b) Also decides that the Commission shall be composed of 53 members elected from among the States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies for a term of office of three years according to the following allocation of seats:

(i) Thirteen seats for African States;

(ii) Eleven seats for Asian States;

(iii) Ten seats for Latin American and Caribbean States;

(iv) Six seats for Eastern European States;

(v) Thirteen seats for Western European and other States;

(c) Further decides that elections for the Commission shall be held on 16 February 1993;

(d) Decides that the Commission shall meet annually for a period of two to three weeks and that, as a transitional measure, an organizational session of the Commission shall be held at Headquarters from 24 to 26 February 1993 and that the first substantive session of the Commission shall be held at Headquarters from 14 to 25 June 1993;

(e) Approves the following provisional agenda for the organizational session of the Commission:

1. Election of the Chairman and other members of the bureau.

2. Provisional agenda and organization of work of the first substantive session of the Commission.

3. Outline of a multi-year programme of work for the Commission.

4. Other organizational issues.

DRAFT DECISION V

Consideration of reports of intergovernmental bodies

A. Report of the Trade and Development Board

The Economic and Social Council decides to consider at its substantive session of 1993 the report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-ninth session and to authorize the Secretary-General to

transmit directly to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session the report of the Board on the first part of its fortieth session.

B. Report of the World Food Council

The Council decides to undertake at its substantive session of 1993 an in-depth review of the report of the World Food Council on the work of its nineteenth session, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, and to submit recommendations thereon to the Assembly for consideration and action.

C. Reports of the Commission on Human Settlements and the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme

The Council decides that, when reviewing at its substantive session of 1993 the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on its fourteenth session and the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its seventeenth session, it will not consider new draft proposals, except for specific recommendations contained in those reports that require action by the Council and proposals on matters relating to the coordination aspects of the work of those bodies.

DRAFT DECISION VI

World Decade for Cultural Development

The Economic and Social Council decides to postpone consideration of the biennial progress report on the World Decade for Cultural Development, requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/187 of 8 December 1986, and to combine that report with the global mid-term review of the Decade requested by the Assembly in its resolution 46/157 of 19 December 1991, which would be undertaken by the Council at its substantive session of 1994 and the Assembly at its forty-ninth session.

DRAFT DECISION VII

Basic programme of work of the Economic and Social Council for 1994

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the following list of questions for inclusion in the programme of work for 1994:

A. High-level segment

Technology and industrialization in the development process of the developing countries (Council decision 1990/205)

International cooperation against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs (Council decision 1990/205)

B. Other segments

Coordination of the activities of the specialized agencies, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the economic, social and related fields (General Assembly resolution 45/264)

Operational activities for development

Report of the Secretary-General on the operational activities for development of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 47/199)

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its forty-first session (General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX)) 3/

Technical cooperation activities of the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 2029 (XX)) 4/

United Nations Population Fund (General Assembly resolution 3019 (XXVII)) 5/

Report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes (General Assembly resolution 3404 (XXX))

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolution 802 (VIII)) 5/

Coordination questions

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its thirty-fourth session (Council resolution 2008 (LX))

3/ Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

4/ Will not be considered by the General Assembly in 1994.

5/ Will be considered by the General Assembly in 1994.

Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1994 (Council resolution 13 (III))

(b) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII)) 3/

Assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement provided by the agencies and institutions within the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 33/183 K)

Programme and related questions

Relevant chapters of the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its thirty-fourth session

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

Oral reports on special programmes of economic and humanitarian assistance

Oral report on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda (Council resolution 1983/46)

International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Mid-term review of the implementation of the International Framework of Action for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (General Assembly resolution 44/236, annex)

Sustainable development

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its second session

Report of the High-level Advisory Board

World Decade for Cultural Development

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the summary elaboration report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (General Assembly resolution 46/157 and Council decision 1993/___)

Cartography

Report of the Secretary-General on the Thirteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (Council decision 1991/222)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees 6/

Regional cooperation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 1979/1), including the report of the Secretary-General on a subject relating to interregional cooperation of common interest to all regions (Council resolution 1982/50 and decision 1982/174)

Report of the Secretary-General on phase II of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994 (General Assembly resolution 39/227 and Council resolutions 1984/78 and 1991/75)

Summaries of the surveys of economic conditions in the five regions prepared by the regional commissions (Council resolution 1724 (LIII))

Development and international economic cooperation

World Economic Survey 1994

Report of the High-level Advisory Board on the situation of Namibia (General Assembly resolution 46/204) 3/

Report of the Secretary-General on the main research findings of the system on major global economic and social trends, policies and emerging issues (Council resolution 1986/51, sect. VI)

Final version of the World Survey on the Role of Women in Development (General Assembly resolutions 44/77, 44/171, 46/98 and 47/95) 3/

Report of the Secretary-General on an assessment of Council resolution 1992/41 on technical cooperation among developing countries

Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Report of the Secretary-General on the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (General Assembly resolution 45/199) 3/

6/ In accordance with Council resolution 1623 (LI) of 30 July 1971, the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is transmitted to the General Assembly without debate, unless the Council decides otherwise, at the specific request of one or more of its members or of the High Commissioner, at the time its agenda is adopted.

Trade and development

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)) 3/

Food and agricultural development

Report of the World Food Council on its twentieth session (General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX)) 5/

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the progress achieved in the implementation of Council resolution 1992/54 on cooperation in fisheries in Africa

Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved in compliance with the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States (General Assembly resolution 44/170) 3/

International cooperation in tax matters

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress of the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (Council resolution 1980/13)

Transnational corporations

Report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its twentieth session (Council resolution 1913 (LVII)), including the follow-up to the recommendations of the Panel of Eminent Persons on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa (Council resolution 1986/1)

International Conference on Population and Development

Report of the Secretary-General of the International Conference on Population and Development on the progress made in all aspects of the preparatory activities for the Conference (Council resolution 1991/93)

Development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy

Report of the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development on its first session (Council decision 1992/218)

Development of the energy resources of developing countries

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the United Nations on ways and means to accelerate the exploration and development of energy resources in developing countries (Council resolution 1992/56)

International cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/151 3/

Public administration and finance

Report of the Secretary-General on the Eleventh Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance (Council decision 1992/287)

Human rights questions

Report of the Human Rights Committee (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights) 3/

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (article 43 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child) 3/

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fiftieth session (Council resolutions 5 (I) and 9 (II)) 3/

Documentation for information

Reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and by the specialized agencies Advancement of women

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its thirteenth session (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women) 3/

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-eighth session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (LXI))

Implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1988/22)

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX))

Social development questions

Crime prevention and criminal justice

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its third session (Council resolution 1992/1)

Question of strengthening international cooperation in combating organized crime (General Assembly resolution 47/87) 3/

Narcotic drugs

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-seventh session (Council resolution 9 (I))

Summary of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971 and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

United Nations University

Report of the Council of the United Nations University for 1993 5/

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Reports brought to the attention of the Council

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit